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## STATE MILITARY [ALL READY TO GO TO HOPKINSVILLE

**Lexington Guards Warehouses  
Because of Alarming Rumors  
Which Do Not Materialize—  
Planter Stopped By Day  
Riders.**

**NO DISORDER IS REPORTED**

**Militia Ready.**  
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Two companies of the local militia are in the armory here ready to move to Hopkinsville on a moment's notice.

**Court of Inquiry.**  
Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Mott Ayres is proceeding with the investigation. He plans a court of inquiry into the raid.

**Was Not Night Riders.**  
Pembroke, Ky., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The big warehouse of A. O. Dority & company, prizes for the association of this county, was destroyed by fire last night. It was full of wheat. The loss is \$25,000. No tobacco was on hand.

**Lexington Alarmed.**  
Lexington, Ky., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Owing to reports that an effort would be made to raid the warehouses here during the night, special guards were kept. There was no trouble.

**Day Riders' Warning.**  
Mayeville, Ky., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Two tenant farmers who had sold to the trust in this county attempted to deliver tobacco and were warned by 50 masked "Day Riders." They appealed to Judge Harbeson to issue warrants. He refused unless they could give him names of the men to be arrested.

**108 Bodies.**  
Monongah, Dec. 11.—One hundred and eight bodies have been taken from both mines.

**Second Degree Murder.**  
Dallas, Dec. 11.—W. O. Brown, president of the Buggy Manufacturing company, was found guilty of second degree murder in killing Albert S. Johnson and was sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary.

**Playing Night Rider.**  
Glasgow, Ky., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The one-year-old child of William Ferguson, of this county, was burned to death by two other youngsters playing night rider, and accidentally dropping a hot coal in his crib.

**Oxford Wins From Cambridge.**  
London, Dec. 11.—The annual inter-varsity rugby football match was played at Queens club today. Oxford beat Cambridge 17 to 0. The Cambridge eleven was on the defensive throughout the game.

**VIEW OF CULLEY'S STORE  
IN THE HABERDASHER.**

This month's issue of "Haber-dasher" has a splendid view of the interior of Roy L. Culley & company's store.

**INSURGENTS VICTORIOUS.**

**Chinese Rebels Capture Three  
Towns In Kwang So.**  
Canton, Dec. 11.—Insurgent from Yunchow have penetrated into the province of Kwang Si, and have captured three strongholds between Lung Chow and Lungson. Martial law has been proclaimed in the disturbed locality.

**EVERYBODY'S HELP NEEDED.**

**To Swell the Salvation Army Dinner  
Fund.**

The Christmas Dinner Fund needs your help. Don't wait to see what others are going to do. Do your best.

Previously acknowledged... \$24.28  
Kettle to December 9... 2.83  
Nagle & Meyers... 1.50  
Total... \$28.61

**Oklahoma Elects Senators.**

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 11.—The Oklahoma legislature today, in separate session, voted for two United States senators, the first to represent the new state in the national congress. The legislature is overwhelmingly Democratic, and the two Democrats who had been named in the primaries, Robert Latham Owen and Thomas Prior Gore, were elected. Charles G. Jones and Clarence B. Douglass received the complimentary vote of the Republicans. Tomorrow, in joint session, the formal vote will be taken.

## Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, Gives it to Roosevelt, Precedent, Mammon and Corporations in First Speech

**Rule, Putting Lid on New Sen-  
ators, Adds to Zest of Junior  
Member From Southwest  
and He Delivers a Sizzler.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Glorying in violating the precedent imposing silence on new members, Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, delivered a sizzling speech today, advocating the destruction of trusts and placing felon's stripes upon rich malefactors. He declared the prison sentence starting Rockefeller in the face would make him a law-abiding citizen. He stigmatized Wall street speculators as thieves, and charged them with premeditating the recent panic. He criticized Roosevelt's annual salary which he put at \$113,000 saying he didn't need that sum to live on. He ridiculed the administration's anti-trust policy, and challenged Republicans to name a trust Roosevelt had "even tamed."

**MRS. COBB'S RESIDENCE  
IS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.**

A spark from the chimney of an adjacent flat ignited the roof of the residence of Mrs. Manie Cobb, 616 Broadway, this morning. The firemen from Central station were called and put out the blaze before any damage was done.

**JUDGE WILLIAM REED'S  
SON, ROSCOE, A BARRISTER**

Roscoe Reed, son of Judge William Reed, who was examined at Smithland for license to practice law, was successful in the examination and has been granted a certificate entitling him to practice. He is a sterling young man and will no doubt succeed in his profession.

## "HERE IS BODY OF YOUR DEAD SON," SAID MASKED MEN TO AGED FATHER

**Young Trigg County Night  
Rider, Shot By Christian  
County Posse, Carried Home  
—First News Family Had.**

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 11.—Word has been received from Cadiz that George Gray, a young man about 20 years of age, was taken back dead to his home from the raid on Hopkinsville. He had been shot through the head. The boy lived with his father on the Hopkins farm near Blue Springs, between Cadiz and Canton.

**"Here's Your Dead Boy."**  
Saturday at midnight, a body of masked men, bearing with them the corpse, approached the Gray dwelling. When the door was opened they silently entered and placed the body of the youth on a bed. "Here is your dead boy," they said to the old farmer. The only other information they would give was that the young man had been shot from ambush. The body was buried Sunday afternoon.

Another report reached the city last night that another man, said to

**THE WEATHER.**



**FAIR.**

Fair tonight and tomorrow, with slightly warmer temperature.

## OLD "HONEY FITZ" IS DEFEATED FOR MAYOR OF BOSTON

Boston, Mass., Dec. 11.—In the closest and hardest fought election contest which Boston has known for many years, the city went Republican by about 2,000. Postmaster George A. Hibbard (Rep.) defeated Mayor John F. Fitzgerald (Dem.), who was a candidate for re-election. The city voted to license the sale of liquor by a large majority. Two features contributed notably to the return of a Republican mayor after six years of Democratic administration, one being the heavy vote given the Independence League candidate by Democrats and the other the thorough investigation made by a finance committee into the affairs at the city hall, which has brought forth irregularities in the purchasing department and in the granting of contracts through which, it was claimed, the city had lost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

**Fell in a Fit.**

Harry Wilson, a cripple, who has given the police a great deal of trouble recently, fell in a fit at Rodfus' saloon, Third street and Kentucky avenue, this morning. He was sent to the hospital for treatment.

**HORSE TRADERS AGREE  
TO SHAKE DUST OF CITY.**

The Hall and McKinnis families of 17 people, who have been occupying a small house in Mechanicsburg, notified Jap Toner, of the Charity club, that they would leave town tomorrow. There are several men and seven head of horses with the outfit and one of the men recently asked permission to circulate a paper to take up a collection to buy another horse. Mr. Toner made an investigation and found they had already more horses than they could feed.

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have been a member of the mob, is lying at the point of death at his home west of Cadiz. It is said that there is little hope for his recovery.

**Found Buggy.**  
The horse and buggy belonging to Gray & Gates, which was captured by the Night Riders, was found about 7 o'clock Saturday night standing in Little River, back of the jail. The horse showed the effects of having been out and in harness all night. How it got to the point where it was found is a mystery, as a thorough search had been made all over that section earlier in the day and no sign of it was there then.

**New Door.**  
A new door has been placed in position at the police office to take the place of the one which was battered down Saturday morning.

Several loaded shot gun shells were found about the streets after the night riders had departed. One of these was shown in this office. It was the "Union, U. M. C." brand and was loaded with 3 1/2 drachms of black powder and 1 1/2 ounces of B. B. shot.

**Robbed Postoffice.**  
Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 11.—Chief of Police John A. Suggs and Night Policeman Lewis Woods, of Fort Gibson, six miles north of this city, are under arrest charged with robbing the postoffice there November 22 and obtaining \$400 cash. The prisoners are held under bond of \$1,000 each.

**MEAT INSPECTION**

Washington, Dec. 11.—A conference of meat packers of the country and Secretary Wilson will be held Saturday to consider the enforcement of the meat inspection law.

**BEN POTTER ALIVE**

Ben Potter, the colored tie hand, whose death in Louisiana, was reported yesterday in The Sun, has arrived in Paducah with a remarkable story of mistaken identity. Some tramp stole Potter's coat and was afterwards killed by having his head cut off by a train. The tramp was identified as Potter by the coat.

## JOPPA COAL MINES TO SHIP PRODUCT TO NEW ORLEANS

**Western Kentucky and South-  
ern Illinois Companies Will  
Compete With Pennsylvania  
Mines For Gulf Fuel Business  
Next Season.**

**LOWERS COST PER TON MILE**

Pennsylvania coal companies next season will have active competition with the western Kentucky and southern Illinois mines for the New Orleans trade, and had not the financial flurry made the financing of the project difficult just now, a big towboat with acres of barges would now be plying between Joppa, Ill., and New Orleans. In anticipation of the time when mines along the lower Ohio would have to take care of the southern trade the West Kentucky Coal company at Caseyville has spent a quarter of a million dollars putting up the biggest tipples on the rivers, and the Pittsburg Coal company, a few miles further up, has done the same.

At Joppa preparations had gone further and a contract had practically been entered into with the Barrett line for a big towboat and a dozen or more barges, and everything was in readiness to begin deliveries this winter.

The cost of hauling from this field to the lower Mississippi is only about six-tenths of a mill per ton-mile, while it approximates five cents from Pittsburg, when the big Sprague and Finley "have" to lock their 20 acres of coal barges through the canal. The Joppa mines gave up the project temporarily, or rather, postponed the undertaking until spring, but plans are made for beginning early next season, and it is probable that if conditions are favorable the other river mines will enter actively into the trade at the same time.

**Mitchell at His Desk.**

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 11.—John Mitchell, president of the Miners' union, was at his desk today for the first time in months. He is not fully recovered yet.

**MRS. BRADLEY BOOK AGENT**

Washington, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Anna M. Bradley is now a book agent to earn money to take her and her children back to Salt Lake City.

**SINKS IN MID-OCEAN**

Queenstown, Dec. 11.—The steam ship Friesland brought in the crew of a Norwegian bark, Alert, sunk in mid-Atlantic.

**A BOGUS WEDDING**

Springfield, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Sheriff J. G. Payne captured Bub Herndon at La Center, Ky., and has placed him in jail here, charged with abducting Miss Maggie Gossett, of Adams. She was brought here by Herndon. She thought she was legally married to him, and left here with him, after which he deserted her. It later developed that the marriage was only a mock affair. It is said that other parties are implicated in the affair, and it caught will be fully prosecuted.

**FIRST WIFE SUICIDE**

Murray, Ky., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Because her love for her divorced husband was in vain, Mrs. Mattie Hatcher committed suicide by swallowing 60 morphine tablets at the home of her father, John Cain, northwest of Murray. She married John Hatcher, Jr., when a slip of a girl, and they separated. Recently Hatcher married a Miss Jones, and his first wife became despondent.

**TRIUMPHAL TRIP**

Mr. E. H. Haley, of Murray, who has been on the Texas fair and horse show circuit for two months, has returned to his home at Murray. Mr. Haley was successful and carried off a good share of premiums. At the close of the horse show at San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Haley sold his fine pair of harness horses, Barefield and Surrey, which took first premium at the show, to a wealthy Mexican rancher, a large price being paid him for the pair. He also sold a number of horses while away, some of them being bought in central Kentucky this fall.

## Fourteen Feet Through Valley to Paducah Adopted as New Slogan of City's Revived Commercial Club

**Mr. N. M. Burns, of St. Louis  
Shows Why Head Waters of  
Winter Navigation Should  
Have Deep Channel.**

"Fourteen feet through the valley to Paducah," is the way the big deep waterway project will be amended, if the Paducah Commercial club and the body of representative citizens, who met last night in the Commercial club rooms, Sixth street and Broadway, accomplish their desire.

Mr. N. M. Burns, of St. Louis, who addressed the meeting last night, made a hit when he sprung the idea on the audience, and the gentlemen present grasped the possibilities and the logic of it in a moment.

Mr. Burns, who is primarily interested in Paducah, because he has a tangible plan afoot for constructing a railroad from Effingham, Ill., the junction of the Wabash, with Paducah and the south, has studied the location of this city in a comprehensive and thorough manner, and told the citizens what they already knew, but did not appreciate—that this is the northernmost point of winter navigation in the Mississippi system. The Tennessee and Cumberland rivers pour their warm waters into the Ohio and keep the channel clear of ice to Cairo the year around. With 14 feet in the Mississippi also, Cairo will enjoy the distinction, but to extend the depth past the mouth of the Tennessee will benefit not only Paducah, but the whole Middle and East Tennessee, northern Alabama and Mississippi, by affording deep water navigation to the mouth of the stream that taps that territory.

It would mean so much for Paducah and southern Illinois and western Kentucky, that even Mr. Burns could not enumerate all the benefits that would accrue immediately—only he remarked—"If you had a 14-foot channel here railroads would strive to reach you without any effort on your part."

Mr. Burns' suggestion was taken up enthusiastically by speakers, who followed him, and President H. C. Rhodes, of the Commercial club, who presided, had no difficulty in getting men to talk.

Senator J. Wheeler Campbell said that he would do anything reasonable the citizens would suggest in securing legislation to aid this project, and to give county aid to a railroad bridge project, that would further the efforts of local citizens to bring a railroad in from the north.

Mayor Yeiser thought it an excellent plan for the legislature to memorialize congress to extend the waterways 14 foot channel to Paducah, and Senator Campbell assured the gentlemen of his hearty co-operation. It is probable that the Tennessee and Illinois congressmen also will be interested in the matter and the Ken-

## PRESIDENT SENDS COMMISSIONERS TO GOLDFIELD.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Roosevelt has named as a federal committee to investigate labor conditions at Goldfield and report to him personally, Assistant Secretary Lawrence O. Murray, of the department of commerce and labor, Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, and Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor. They start for Goldfield this afternoon.

## Paducah Postoffice's Big Business.

The old story about the man who, in a time of great financial depression during which he failed in business, said the next time he engaged in business he thought he would start a postoffice as business was always good with postoffices, comes home to the man who studies the reports of the local postoffice for last month and this month. The receipts for the Paducah office were over \$200 greater in November of this year than of last, notwithstanding the fact that none of the Paducah firms, which usually do a great deal of advertising in the way of circulars were doing anything in that line this year. This feature of the November

lucky delegation to congress will be urged to fight for the extension.

**Mr. Saunders Fowler.**  
Mr. Saunders Fowler, secretary of the Commercial club, introduced Mr. Burns, and added some data within his knowledge of the river situation. Mr. Burns told of his relations with the Wabash railroad and his efforts to secure a connecting line between Effingham and Paducah. He was working on the project with almost certainty of success, when the financial stringency put an end to railroad construction "for a year."

Lines have been surveyed to this city and soundings taken for a bridge. Mr. Burns was here five years ago in the interest of the same project.

Mr. Burns dealt largely in his speech with Paducah's manifold advantages from a commercial and industrial standpoint, and paused in his discourse long enough to suggest the idea of the 14-foot channel.

**Make This Headquarters.**

It was suggested that Mr. Burns make this his headquarters during his work for the Effingham-Paducah line, and the directors of the Commercial club held a conference with him this morning. He will leave the city this afternoon.

The directors of the Commercial club at an enthusiastic session, following last night's meeting, decided to reorganize the club.

**Mr. Burns' Speech.**

Mr. Burns said:

"I am, indeed, glad to meet you to."

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## COURT IS HOSTILE TO GEN. STOESSEL AND DEFENDANTS

St. Petersburg, Russia, Dec. 11.—The principal charges against Gen. Stoessel, on trial for surrendering Port Arthur to the Japs, are:

First—Disobeying Gen. Kuropatkin's orders to hand over the command of the fortress to Gen. Smirnov.

Second—Suspending the construction of the second and third lines of defense.

Third—Countenancing ironical and often abusive reports written by Gen. Fock concerning various officers in charge of the defense.

Fourth—Sending false reports to Gen. Kuropatkin and Admiral Alexieff regarding the battle of Tsin Chau, in May, 1904.

Gen. Fock is charged with disobeying Gen. Stoessel's orders to defend Tsin Chau to the last extreme.

Gen. Reiss, who was chief of the general staff, is charged with cognizance of Gen. Stoessel's intention to surrender Port Arthur, with exaggerating the straits of the fortress before the military council.

That the court is decidedly hostile to the accused officers, particularly Stoessel, was inferred from the fact the accused commander was refused permission to call Dr. Rosenoff and Gen. Nadieu, who in the preliminary hearing gave testimony to show that the defense had done more than might have been expected from the inadequate force and poorly organized commissary system.

**Oysters Do Not Cause Typhoid.**

New York, Dec. 11.—The much discussed theory that oysters are responsible for many deaths in New York from typhoid fever has received a setback in the report of Dr. W. H. Park, director of the bacteriological laboratory of the board of health. Dr. Park says that not more than one per cent. of the typhoid cases in New York can be traced to oysters.

## TEN PRISONERS WERE CONVICTED IN CIRCUIT COURT

**Petit Jury Discharged After  
Busy Season, But Grand  
Jury Will Remain in Session  
Throughout The Week—  
Cases Disposed Of.**

**BACON TRIAL IS POSTPONED**

Ten prisoners were given terms ranging from one to ten years at the term of circuit court, which came to a close this morning. The grand jury was given more time and probably will be in session the remainder of the week.

Those sentenced at the term are: Anderson Trice, robbery, 10 years; Henry Dixon, robbery, 2 years; G. W. Eddison and Frank Flantt, robbery, 4 years; Will Barton, breaking into a railroad car, 3 years and one year for obtaining money by false pretenses; George Armstrong, false swearing, 2 years; Mamie Cato, malicious cutting, 2 years; Ida Langdon, robbery, 2 years; Ed King, housebreaking, 1 year; Arthur Breed low, obtaining money by false pretenses, 1 year. Ed Buckner was sentenced to 3 years at the state reform school for housebreaking.

The prisoners will be taken to the Eddyville penitentiary, with the exception of Ida Langdon and Mamie Cato, who will be taken to the Frankfort penitentiary, there being no female ward at Eddyville.

**Bacon Trial Postponed.**

The trial of Monroe Bacon, charged with murdering his wife, was continued until the April term to give the prisoner a chance to secure financial aid from relatives and to get witnesses from his former home in Trigg county to testify, regarding Bacon's sanity, a plea of insanity being entered by Bacon's attorneys. It is said that the prisoner is subject to epilepsy, and there has been insanity in his family.

The jury list for the January civil term of court was drawn by Judge Reed.

After thanking the jurors for their attention they were ordered paid and finally dismissed.

**Are Searching for Bodies.**

Mifflinville, Pa., Dec. 11.—Efforts are being made to find three bodies of the seven men drowned in the collapse of a span of the bridge across the Susquehanna here. William Boyer, who suffered a broken back, is alive, but expected to die.

**Aged Watchman Down.**

Charles Cole, colored, who has been watchman at the Harrison and Clay street crossing of the Illinois Central for 20 years, was suddenly stricken with illness at his post today and was carried to the Illinois Central hospital.

**W. B. THOMAS GETS SUGAR  
REFINERY PRESIDENCY.**

New York, Dec. 11.—W. B. Thomas today was elected acting president of the American Sugar Refining company to fill the vacancy caused by the death of H. O. Havemeyer. The vacancy in the board of directors caused by Mr. Havemeyer's death was filled by the election of his son, Horace Havemeyer, to that position. Mr. Thomas, the acting president, as vice president of the company, has been in charge of the company's refineries at Boston.

**YOUTSEY'S FAKE FIT**

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Youtsey was cross-examined and admitted that his fit in Cantrill's court was pretended. His testimony on direct examination was not much shaken.

Judge Morris issued a contempt rule against Wharton Golden this afternoon on the charge that he had prevented his uncle, Ben Golden, from contradicting his testimony.

**POOR AND ORPHANS**

Two small boys named Joyner, who live with their parents in a tent across from the towhead on the Illinois shore, came to the police station this morning and reported to Chief Collins and Capt. Frank Harlan that their father died last night and the family was without money. Chief Collins telephoned to Brookport officials to look into the matter. The boys were thinly clad and almost without shoes. They were given two good coats at the station and Chief Collins took them to a shoe store and bought them shoes.